Irrigation schemes in the North-East

1044. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of irrigation schemes proposed for the North East in the year, 2007-2008;

(b) the number of schemes already implemented in the North East before the current year;

(c) the data of target land in the said schemes;

(d) land actually covered in the said schemes; and

(e) whether any discrepancies have been discovered with regard to selection of land area to be covered in irrigation schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Water being a State subject, the irrigation schemes are planned, funded and implemented by the State Governments as per their own priorities. Government of India provides financial and technical support which is catalytic and promotional in nature. No proposal for inclusion of any new major/medium irrigation projects under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) during the year 2007-08 has been received so far. Under AIBP, 249 Minor Irrigation schemes were received from NE States during 2007-08 till date and included under AIBP for funding.

(b) 18 Nos. of Major and Medium Irrigation schemes were already included under AIBP before the current year. A total number of 4719 Nos. of Minor Irrigation schemes were included under AIBP upto March, 2007.

(c) The target potential of 18 major/medium irrigation schemes and 4719 Minor Irrigation schemes under AIBP are 239.702 th. ha. and 211.538 th. ha. respectively.

(d) No difference has been reported between land actually covered and target potentials of above schemes.

(e) No discrepancies have been reported with regard to selection of land area to be covered in irrigation schemes so far.

Krishna drinking water supply project

1045. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted for clearance the Krishna Drinking Water Supply Project Phase-II;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that his Ministry has cleared Rs.830 crore for the Krishna Drinking Water Supply Project Phase-II; and